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If our friends who favor us with me

The President and Congress.

as it seems at first sight. There is or a humorist without reverence. no doubt an element in the House that is conscientious and honest in Its opposition to his assertion of prerogative, believing that it should have something to say about the controversies with Germany and Great Britain and share with the President the responsibility of guiding the "Shin of State" through the breakers. This element means well, but its composite mind is parochial, and it has an imperfect understanding of the philosophy of the Constitution ; furthermore. It knows little or nothing about international relations and the functions of the Department of State.

There is another element in the House that lives in mortal terror of a diplomatic rupture because it may be followed by war. This element is even willing, perhaps unconsciously, to forfeit the rights of the United States that are gravely involved if peace can thus be assured.

But when this has been said there remain the political and personal metives that actuate members of the peace propaganda but is really a cam. duce the loss of desirable citizens that paign to discredif, weaken and under- is constantly in progress. mine the President, leaves no room for doubt that there is another ele- be more populous. Its possibilities ment in Congress that is not con- should be made a matter of city conscientious and honest in criticising cern and their development underand opposing the President.

There is still another element that plan. in more concerned about its fences "back home" than about the honor purpose in the House. Certain members have never been in sympathy resident Wilson from the day the Baltimore convention adjourned; the baltimore convention and the proposition of Annapolis spread be precipitated into a cistern?

What Mr. Chaplin has done is to adjust his genius to a public which and the proposition of the national intention the Senate and Investigation of Annapolis spread be fore the country.

What Mr. Chaplin has done is to adjust his genius to a public which and the proposition of the plain is backed the President in the face of Capital at the balt it wanted to notify Germany that it backed the Executive of the plain is backed the President's stand for and the face of Capital at the balt is wanted to notify Germany that it backed the President's stand for any population of the plain is backed the President's stand for any population of the plain is backed the President's stand for any population of the plain is backed the President's

and welfare of the nation and its self- an evil which is an ever present and in prospect than the gold he has Benses without more paltering and of both our great national academies, this must compensate him for some evasion and show the world by a vote military and naval. Both at West of the trials he undergoes; it may of confidence in the President, or by Point and at Annapolis the one over- even salve the bruises and render less action equivalent to it, that he represshadowing influence most disastrous irksome the black and blue spots he in their hope of peace but also in try the high standards of efficiency amazing performances. their firm determination not to be expected from its military and naval trifled with and humiliated.

The Blasphemers.

upon its fortunate possessor, begets of punishment.

that the Almighty had been his ally vides, there has been raised up a the American republics, Dr. Quesana

in the winning of a victory. Such an Supreme Court of Political "Pull" attitude upon the part of martial where all baby act pleas are tenderly pleased with them and their cause, worked a special miracle at some military crisis in their favor.

There are at present fifteen or sixteen nations on earth, divided into practice that appeal to this tribunal two camps, fighting each other to the death in a gigantic, ghastly, murderous conflict. It is inconceivable that An checks, money orders, &c., to be the Creator, the Omniscient and Omnipotent, can take sides in this colossal, ungodly combat. The very idea mies be on a plane to turn out the is absurd to the verge of the ridiculous. It is primitive, reactionary, a equipped to turn out from that sukind of mental vermiform appendix perb raw material with which the that has persisted in the mind of man for countless ages. It is unworthy both of Gop and man, and belittles

the former, as it stultifies the latter. A broader, grander conception of the Delty, sprung from the higher realms of twentieth century thought, makes of Him a being who fights neither on the side of the stronges battalions nor of the weakest, whose To analyze the motives that move purposes belong not to time, but to nembers of the House of Representa- eternity, and whose kingdom is spiritives to deny the President authority tual, not material. The victorious to conduct the foreign affairs of the General who gives thanks to Gop for Government without subordinating a bloody triumph over his fellow men himself to Congress is not so simple is either a blasphemer without humor

Upbuilding Staten Island. In its present condition the treasury of New York city gives little encouragement to the residents of Richmond who ask for a four track passenger and freight subway to solve their transportation difficulties. When Father KNICKERBOCKER is restored to opulence, this improvement, or another designed to serve its object, will be in order. But in the meantime Staten Island should not be treated like a stepchild.

The city has furnished for the island a ferry service as satisfactory as can be expected. It can do more by protecting the air of the detached borough from the odors that are wafted across from New Jersey, and by directing attention to its advantages as a place of permanent abode and encouraging its selection for the homes of the thousands of families that annually quit the congested boroughs for the country. It should lie within the power of some existing bureau to advertise Staten Island as New Jersey, Long Island and Westchester are advertised, and thus re-

Richmond is attractive and will

The Root of Much Fell.

takes color from constituents who missal of eighty-two midshipmen for the public's infinite capacity to enjoy care just as little about the honor failure to pass the Naval Academy the misfortunes of mock gentility. and good name of the United States, semi-annual examinations would be We know of nobody more dignified sey have relation to the fact that the In this group are Republicans as well rigidly and uncompromisingly enthan Mr. Chaplin; wallowing in a price of gas is lower in that State than for an executive budget as Democrats. The personal equation forced there might be good ground tub of dough he wears the air of also has something to do with the for rejoicing. Such a result would go a gentleman of the old school taking unseemly wrangle and confusion of far toward removing the deplorable the air; if it be counted an accom-

edge of examination papers were ately over the slapstick and the blad-Now members of Mr. Wilson's widely prevalent; so widely preva- der, a public not composed of bad or party may dislike him; others may lent in fact that there inevitably arose ignorant or utterly illiterate individ- Happy omen for the June brides! fear there will be grave complication the disheartening question whether uals. He has recognized that when a tions if Congress does not intervene our Naval Academy graduates got man's hat is blown from his head fin his conduct of intervational relations; others may be concerned only about pleasing constituents with no regard to the duty they owe the union of these States; but there can be no flowbt of the mischievous and baleful and the formula of the states of the ments of scholarship and conduct, or sympathy, to the onlooker's face when for the states of the conduct of intervational relations their diplomas testifying to their full in Broadway more passersby grin at their diplomas testifying to their full in Broadway more passersby grin at the not essentially humorous incident the not essentially humorous incident than disregard it; he has taken advantage of the weakness of human or ably meeting the academy requirements of scholarship and conduct, or sympathy, to the onlooker's face when from his head in Broadway more passersby grin at their diplomas testifying to their full in Broadway more passersby grin at the not essentially humorous incident that it be used to procure a divorce for the writer, gives this account of his matrimonial difficulty: "We did not fall out. She just walked out. A strike and apparently a lockout. The each member of the committee, and particularly the two chairs are led up the back stairs by and the request that it be used to procure a divorce for the writer, gives this account of his matrimonial difficulty: "We did not fall out. She just walked out. A strike and apparently a lockout. The each member of the committee of the content of the same point of the same point of the same point of the writer, gives this account of his matrimonial difficulty: "We did not fall out. She just walked out. The each member of the committee of the committee of the same point of the same po

> officers is now and has been for years the practice of both cadets and midshipmen running snivelling to their

a mental poise and balance that gives "My Congressman," he is the ever not begin too soon or be prosecuted to all things their proportionate val- present help in time of trouble for too diligently. The establishment at nes. It is evident that the Grand the weakling and the slacker in our Harvard of a chair in Latin American Duke Nicholas of Russia lacks that training schools of both branches of history and economics is a step in the saving grace of humor that might the service, training schools whose right direction, and eminently satishave saved him from committing a supreme mission it is to sift out the factory to advocates of rapprochehelnous sin against the Deity. He weaklings and the slackers and look ment is the appointment to the new recently telegraphed to the Czar as well to it that none such wear the professorship of Dr. Ernesto Quefollows: "Gop has granted the brave uniform of officers in the United SADA, Attorney-General of Argentina troops of the army of the Caucasus States army and navy. Over and and professor in the University of La such great help that Erzerum has above the rulings of officers in com- Plata and the University of Buenos mand of both these great schools. Ayres. There is, of course, nothing novel against which there should be no ap- In an address delivered in this city, in the Grand Duke's public assertion peal save such as military law pro- after the closing of the congress of

has not handed down its decision.

When it becomes the inevitable over the heads of commanding offcers means instant and automatic expulsion for cadet or midshipman. then and not until then will our splendid military and naval acadefine product they are so excellently country is so lavishly supplied.

Beflections on a Public Character. We feel not the slightest trace of remorse or regret as we contemplate the course of conduct which has brought to us the subjoined intrinsically reproachful letter:

"TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN_SIE! notice that on several occasions THE Sun gave much space to the doings of Mr. CHARLES CHAPLIN.

"Does THE SUN believe it a great ad ancement in public taste for amusement that a fellow like that can earn \$520,000 a year for doing a few clownish stunte? A. BORRABACH. "NEW YORK, March 3."

If our friend applies the word "fel ow" to the golden comedian of the screen with disparaging intent, we must respectfully rebuke him. By all accounts Mr. CHAPLIN is a well beless puzzled than others over the difficulties encountered in filling out an income tax return, abstaining in his eccentricities that have amused and fellow citizens, and comporting himself with modesty in the presence of persons less gifted than himself. Our correspondent might eat luncheon beside Mr. CHAPLIN without running the slightest risk of having a cream puff when not professionally engaged descends stairs in the ordinary manner; and he does not, except when the exigencies of the scenario and the instructions of the director require it.

entangle his legs in clothes lines. We confess that we should be puzzled if we were required to bring fortaken with vigor on a comprehensive He depends on an uncommon agility, partment could look forward to an a highly developed sense of the grotesque, an amazing capacity for surviving tumbles, bumps, kicks and artillery and cavalry. Were there assurance that the dis-

orably meeting the academy requirements of the mischievous and baleful ments of scholarship and conduct, or sympathy, to the onlooker's face when the sympathy as a supreme crisis to hold the hands of the President, who may have made mistakes but who is earnestly striving to keep the country out of war and at the same time is an analysis of failure to pass examination its rights unimpaired. Nothing could be more futuous and billed from the country of the belligerents in European to give the belligerents in European to the country of the sum of the country of the sum of the country of the latter theory.

Now the fact of eighty-two dismissis strong presumptive evidence that from the country of the latter theory.

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We trust that for the good name leal result of a vastly greater evil. They are worth more in retrospect respect Congress will come to its threat to the discipline and efficiency received for them. The knowledge of sents the American people not only to discipline and to giving the coun- accumulates in the course of his

Latin America at Harvard. Political application of the programme of friendship promulgated by It is doubtful that a man possess. Congressmen every time their incom- the recent Pan-American congress at ing a keen sense of humor could com- petence and misconduct bring the Washington may advantageously be mit blaspheray. Humor, in its effect legitimate and proper result in terms deferred, but the practical encouragement of intellectual community can-

contributed the influence of his opin- FOR AN EXECUTIVE BUDGET. ion to the idea that it would be betconquerors goes back to prehistoric heard and adjudicated with a just ter to establish Pan-Americanism and times. Napoleon, who was endowed and nice discrimination based on the make it fruitful through intellectual with a vein of cynical humor, asserted appellant's personal and family infu- interchange than through political rethat Gop always fought upon the side ence back in the Congressman's home lations. In his Harvard professormtered at the Post Office at New York as of the strongest battallons. In put- district. Secretary Daniels in the ship Dr. Quesada will have opporting the case in this way he avoided present instance has approved the actuality to appeal to motives more lastthe implication, biasphemous in its tion of the Annapolis Examining ing than the impulses of sentiment, acted an income tax law so ambiguous nature, which so many triumphant Board. That is good so far as it encouraging without forcing those incommanders make: that Gop, being goes, but the returns from the Con- clinations to friendship which will gressional districts are yet to come in. enter, in the natural course of events, State the Governor's specialty is "direct The Supreme Court of Political Pull into such practical relationships as taxation, while a State Senator from those of commerce. In particular he will be able to dispel, within a limited in the city of New York another comfield, that ignorance which fosters international hostility, and to help to establish that understanding which means" makes for peace and reciprocal pros-

In January Dr. Quesapa remarked that efforts toward Pan-Americanism hide and seek, innocuous conferences and ornamental oratory." Harvard has done well to give him opportunity to demonstrate the excellence of his views upon the most efficacious means to correct this error.

We must stand by the President. Thi is an international question, and we must stand behind the President in all matters of this kind.—William H. Tapt. What says the other ex-President?

I contend that the divorce rate doe among women.—Professor Lichtenber-Gen of the University of Pennsylvania. Why confine the speculation to the There are men with whom the best of women could not live in bonds of matrimony. Generalizations bout the rate of divorce are always dangerous, because the rate varies with the number of causes of divorce ecognized by different States.

Professor RAUSENBERGER, inventor of the 42 centimeter howitzer, promises to provide Germany with a gun that will hit England from across the Channel. The future looks dark for nonhaved young man in private life, not combatants if the eminent and gifted professor achieves his new project.

Either the United States or Japan, or non-professional moments from those must control the development of the Palapan is going to be content to do anystartled so many thousands of his thing other than captain the development

sources and strategic position is the greatest Pacific Power at the present time, Great Britain and France, and even Russia, as well as the United its smashed on his head; Mr. CHAPLIN States, have interests in the Pacific. so that the problem is somewhat complicated.

> Enven Pasha has more lives than felts domestica.

The wits of the House of Commons immerse himself in mud puddles or hall with delight the announcement of Secretary of Agriculture ACLAND .. ward evidence that Mr. Chaplin has contributed notably to the advancement of public good taste; but that he has done anything to harm it we has done anything to harm it we he has done anything to harm it we he has done anything to harm it we have anything to probably to the advance-ment in breeding and the constitution of the Sage to the Legislature at every session the constitution of the done the constitution of the legislature at every session that dependent. That was it. The Senate had the proposition that American anything to probable to proba the nation a racing stud valued at improvement in the army's mounts, and in course of time to an ample supply of thoroughbreds for the

I. RECORD is out campaigning for the

rope the impression that the American Government was divided against fact of the fraud itself. Indeed the paid to its professions and protests.

The Turks, realizing that their hold its infirmities to good account.

And he has given good value for all he has received. The merriment, the relaxation, the honest laughter protests.

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And he has given good value for all he has received. The merriment, the relaxation, the honest laughter he has inspired are cheaply bought.

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And he has given good value for all he has received. The merriment, the relaxation, the honest laughter he has inspired are cheaply bought. be astonishing if the Turks soon be astonishing if the Turks soon campaign and devoted all their ener-

The Refugees. From the Spectator

Past the marching men, where the great out of burning Ypres three pale women Came:
One was a widow (listen to the guns!)
She wheeled a heaped up barrow. One Tired and coughing with the dust. The Nestled a dead child on her breast, and

saw them hide their faces in the grass And cry, as women cried when Christ was dead.

Senator Saxe Illuminates the Dark

Places in State Finance. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: The To the Edward of the Sun—sir. The government of to-day is topsy-turvy. Although already overtaxed, every one is devising new taxes, instead of devising efficient methods for eliminating waste. to interpret it, the present suggestion is that all rates be increased. In New York Our present system is also defective in mission, this one operating under ap-pointment by the Mayor, also recom-mends a State income tax as "a partial means" of securing additional revenue and, falling a State income tax, suggest an "abilities tax," composed of a "habi tation tax," an "occupation tax," and "salaries tax," also a tax on "increment

of land values."

Taxes are multiplying and tax invent-"have constituted a playful game of ors are searching into such far corners that even the blind beggar upon the that even the blind beggar upon the street corner may expect at any moment that a tax will be levied upon his cup, as well as upon the dog which leads him from pillar to post. Yet, the relief is in plain sight and the people refuse to see it. The remedy is at hand and those at the helm refuse to grasp it.

What, then, is the evil and what is the financing Government and the cons quent leaks in the machine. The remed is an executive budget and publicity egislative action thereon. In other words, the Governor should submit to the Legislature annually a well thought out plan of financing the State Government, one for which he is willing to assume responsibility before the people of the State. This budget should consist of estimates of expenses prepared by responsible heads of the executive departbilities and a proposition by the Execu

tive for raising revenues so adjusted to expenditures as to balance the account. At the present time in New York State there is no plan or budget for financing the State. The Legislature and not the Executive initiates proposals for expenses. expenses. And the actual work is not even done by the Legislature itself but by standing committees deliberating in secret. The Hon. Henry L. Stimson, speaking for the Finance Committee of the recent Constitutional said, Record, pages 1,572-3:

ter, is that there has been a shifting of der functions, so to speak, a sliding backward the State Government ought to do, until the dath of an American on an armed duty which the Executive ought to do has of the Orient. - Ez-Senator CHARLES A. duty which the Executive cught to do has

that Colonel Hall Walker has given reason of the great waste in our finan-

vulgar in the sense of resorting to come into possession of a stable like suggestive methods to elicit laughter. Colonel Walker's. Then the War Dever, has yet taken the positive stand ever, has yet taken the positive stand that it is his duty in communicating the condition of the State and making rec-ommendations to furnish to the Legis-lature a comprehensive budget plan cov-ering both revenues and estimates of ex-penditures. The present Governor has Governorship nomination in New Jersepect to certain details, and it was hoped storm came that he would assume ful President Wilson is reported to have said: "When I am regarded in shall make the Executive other than the backed the President's stand for

Sage of the bill; and every Governor specimen mentioned by Dean Hole in one of his books.

A clergyman is preaching to a let of farm laborers and begins, "I see before me many tons of soil."

New York, March 4.

Sage of the bill; and every Governor from time immemorial has certified to the necessity of the immediate passage of these bills, pasters, interlineations, erusures and all. So it will surprise no one that, the committees having reported the same and the Governor having certified to the necessity of their immediate flex to the necessity of their immediate. passage, no member of the Legislature pays any attention to what is going on and the bills are promptly passed, the majority giving the votes on a short roll call, and the minority leader making a few facetious remarks about the extrav-She wheeled a heaped up barrow. One walked lame
And dragged two little children at her side.

Tired and coughing with the dust. The

third dead child on her breast, and tried to committee of the whole, that is, a committee composed of all the members word.

The Governor's budget should go direct to committee committee of the whole, that is, a committee composed of all the members of either or both houses. Those members the formula for the formula 'urned, and in elience helped them with their load.

And led them to a field and gave them bread.

The Governor's figures. The Governor should have the pressure of the comment on the figures. wer to appear before this co of the whole to defend his plan, both in general and in detail, and the committee, W. G. s. | while it should not have the power of

subposes over the Governor, who is the should have full power to summon be-fore it all heads of departments, under the Governor, and to require them to ex-

plain any items.

In order to increase publicity, the In order to increase publicity, the British Commons has recently constituted a new committee, of which not the majority leader but the minority leader is chairman, so that that committee will be a committee of audit and crititration's plan and those whose duty it is,

other respects. There are fifty-one mem-bers of the Senate and one hundred and bers of the Legislature has the right introduce "special" appropriation bills of his own. It happens every year that long pefore the Finance Committees grind out the general appropriation and bills a large number of "speci have been introduced by members, passed ernor; and the Governor has given them Executive approval. In 1915 the Governor, prompted to zealous righteousness by the criticisms of his financial message, gave a series of public hearings upon the appropriation and supply bills; but at the very moment when he gave those hearings he was in the embarrassing position of having already signed \$5,491,363.26 of special bills. In other words, he had originally submitted no general plan to the Legislature, and he even prevented himself from working out a later day plan when the general appropriation and supply bills came to him by having already signed appropriations of nearly \$8,500,000.

It is to be hoped that public opinion may so crystallize during the next six months that both andidates for Gov-ernor this year will be compelled to NEW YORK, March 4.

THE VOTE IN THE SENATE.

Evidently the Intention Was to Support the President.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Sen-Friday afternoon. For a time it looked as though the blind had led the blind into a blind alley. Senator Borah was sure that there are none so blind as they Convention, who will not listen. said, Record, pages 1.572-3:

The main criticism the committee would intent of the Senate were to table the make, and which underlies the whole matdent. Then came the substitution for to travel on armed merchantmen, chang-

duty which the Executive ought to do has been gradually allowed to slide over into the Legislature. It has been a general sliding back until the performance of the whole function has been set out of joint, disintegrated.

It is the executive department in all its branches which expends most of the State's money. Each head of department knows, or at any rate knows better than any one else, what money he needs to run his department. It is therefore common sense that the initial step of making estimates should come from the executive department. The Legislature state's money. Face ment knows, or at any rate knows better than any one else, what money he needs to run his department. It is therefore common sense that the initial step of making estimates should come from the institute state of making estimates should come from the executive department. The Legislature has no first hand knowledge of needs, and the present system of permitting it to flounder along and evolve appropriation bills without any plan is the first tion bills without any plan is the first reason of the great waste in our finance as on the Fresident's wishes, despectively. The five to one. Hurrah! The Fresident are uphied! Then a pause, and—consternation with the Senate has done of the multipled agencies of the nultipled agencies of the multipled age

as to what the result of the Senate's action really was swept through the Capitol, and it was soon humming with expectant comment as to the next move ues and estimates of ex-present Governor has seemed nonplussed and old time news-lif with the subject of paper correspondents said it was one of and has recently made the worst muddles they had ever tried House to accept the Senate's somewhat ontradictory

CROCKETT.

Importations of diamonds and other precious stones rose \$2,000,000 in value last month over the January figures. Happy omen for the June brides!

A Georgia man who sends a letter to President Wilson enclosing a money House indicate that the wise course is der against the idle rich and pose as that the employees' not to take up the question again, but defenders of the plain people. Then our to overlook specific features and accept the undoubted surify of the Senate vote. Capitol Hill will resemble one of the which was simply to sidetrack all discount palaces recently uncovered at other properties.

President, as he desires.

And so the action will stand; so it must be looked upon by the House, and dermany must accept it as the plain intention of the Senate to support the President of the United States, unquali fielly and by an overwhelming

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 4.

The Danger of Stone.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: THE Sun asks, "Of what public use is Gore?"
Of what public use is his mate in self-stuitification, W. J. Stone of Missouri? That this man is head of the important Foreign Relations Committee of the United States Senate is a travesty. His miserable, shifty record at home, as shown in the early days of Folk's cam-

To the Epiron of The Sun-Sir: In the which shall be established by law; but the tion and payable only during records of one of New York's prominent churches from 1820 to 1840 it is said that of such inferior officers as they shall beriodical physical examination

Society in New Hampenire.

From the Manchester Mirror.
Bill Briggs fell over a wheelbarrow and broke his nose and seven commandments. the village Friday night, after attending the grange meeting. When driving from the yard where his horse had been put up a runner of the sieigh hit a stone post and

Culture in Arkansas. From the Conway Log Cabin-Democrat. Mr. Hankins traded a mule to Her Woodward for an organ for his folks.

Conditions being what they are,

What busy man can spare the time To live a hundred years?

In this our vale of tears.

THE CAPITOL SYMBOLS.

Must Its Architecture Be Changed Suit the New Politics?

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Art and architecture have from the earliest days sought to symbolize the ideals of the people, and the monuments of the past, whether in Pompeli or in Egypt, show that ambition. The architects of the national Capitol, under the inspiration of President Thomas Jefferson sought to symbolize the strength of the new republic in the ornamentation of that great marble palace of the people and they adopted a new principle in decoration which the first architect, La-trobe, called "the American order" of columns and capitals. The people called the result of "the American order" the "corncob columns" and the

tobacco capitals." These columns and capitals are stil the most original bits of art in the Capitol. Supporting the old Senate chamber, now that of the Supreme Court, Latrobe, after consultation with Jefferson, placed the "corncob columns," which symbolize the great American Jefferson, placed the "corncob columns," which symbolize the great American staple that had its origin on this continent and was known as Indian corn. These columns line the walls of the small vestibule to the law library of Congress and support the chamber of the Supreme Court. The fluting of the columns represents cornstalks, and the capitals are adorned with half opened apitals are adorned with half opened ears of corn, the silken husks forming the drapery for the full kernelled ears. Carved from Carrara marble, these columns are the most original ornamenta-tion of the Senate wing of the Capitol. The House of Representatives is sup-orted by the massive "tobacco col-mins" which line the main corridor of the first floor, and from their capitals spring great tobacco leaves.

Thomas Jefferson was a man of cul-

ture as well as one of great learning and spired these decorations of the Capitol. begun in his Administration, to give the of the new nation then attracting at-tention in the world. He turned to the two great agricultural staples of the ountry, corn and tobacco.

nost compact for shipping over the mountains to the seaboard to be ex-ported to Europe. Jefferson, like Washngton, had a still on his plantation and a favorite brand of distillation. Whether that had any part in the inspiration for the "corncob columns" to old Senate chamber is not nore than whether he selected the "tobacco columns" to represent the great Virginia product of that day. But these two groups of columns were designed for the support of the Congress of the United States, presumably to remind the lawmakers that these two staples were important supports of the republic.

Corn and tobacco have remained very important supports of the Federal Government as well as of the American people, for more than half of all the internal revenues of the Government in the last fifty years has come from taxes on corn juice and tobacco. They still inclusive the city contributed the bulk inclusive the city contributed the part of the city contributed the city contributed the part of the city contributed the city two groups of columns were designed

Capitel the "corncob" and "tobacco" superannuated employees on the pay columns and place there some more is a heavy charge on the budget and efficiency; that is, about 43 per c will better symbolize the ideals of the of the entire service work under pens American people to-day. To carry out provisions which will not let them re the plans of Jefferson and of Congress, when their retirement would be just a the new columns should represent a advantageous to the citarge share of the revenues which give other hand about 37 congress so much concern in appropriation unicipal personnel, or pears to be an increase of the income lowances not being adjusted to length tax, and all the plans now formulating service nor made to conform to one prin Congress to wipe out the treasury ciple applicable to all in like circumstances. deficit are to tax the rich and give to stances.

capitol Hill will resemble one of the ancient palaces recently uncovered at Thebes and other places along the Nile. The only question is as to whether such a change would be progressive in art or a reaction to the symbols representing the ideals of a people who lived 4,000 years ago, or long before the beginning of Christian civilization. L. W. B.

Washington, D. C., March 4.

FEDERAL COURT CLERKS. A Supreme Court Decision Affecting

Proposed Legislation. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir! A. Senator Shields has introduced a bill (S. 3055) for the appointment of clerks of United States courts by the President. an extract from the decision of the Su-preme Court of the United States in the matter of Duncan N. Hennen, 13 Peters, ployees who grow old in the set 230, 257, may be interesting to the eligibility to retirement based on which should be lower for a browning of the property of the set of the property of the set of the se shown in the early days of Folk's campaign, ought to have barred him from office. But Old Mizzourah is not very particular, sometimes.

Boston, March 4. Victor Martin. shall appoint. Senate. certain officers Information About the City Records Wanted.

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The City Records Wanted Inspector's of the United States, whose appointments vice to be ten years; amount are not therein otherwise provided for, and sions at a lower scale than super states of the city records wanted. Man Is Dust.

To the Editor of the Sun-Sir: As Spoonerisms have been discussed lately in The Sun, I would say there is a very good of his books.

A clergyman is preaching. may be secured at the 'City Inspector's' office.''

Office.''

Can any of your readers tell me where to find the City Inspector's records? That office is not existing. I understand, and the Health Department's records of deaths date from 1853 only.

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The New Nation as Seen by an Ironical Patriot.

To the Entros or The SUN-Sir. Among the informed of the army and navy cand of the city employees in the population of these poor old United Ship of a central pension States) it is pretty well expected that at clearly defined objectives the close of the European conflict Germany the end that the system a runner of the sieigh hit a stone post and is coming over here to give us the licking basis of permanent solvency accompanied him. the same business

So, in view of the fact that our defensive army will not be organized for several years, there is no doubt in the minds of thinking people that if the European war ends by treaty inside of two years business. I wonder how war ends by treaty inside of two years business. I wonder how not his country will eventually belong to the mess trespassing" is allowed by M

BRUERE DENOUNCES CITY PENSION PLAK

Disaster Will Result Unless System Is Reorganized. He Declares.

POINTS OUT ITS ERRORS

Henry Bruere, City Chamberlain, pra-sents to-day to the Mayor's Commission on Pensions part 1 of the report of his investigation of the existing nine city pension funds, affecting 80,000 municipal employees. Eight of these are depart mental funds applying to policemen, fre-men, teachers, street cleaners, college mental lunchers, street men, teachers, street Health

were established in 1857.
"The report calls attention," says Mr. Bruere, introducing the work, "to a condition of inequality in pension powers and extravagance of pension policies inevitably resulting from such haphazard and ill considered legislation as has but into operation the present pension sys-tems in order that a sound conclusion organization so urgently needed remaining three reports, which are now in course of preparation, will contain a detailed presentation of the commission's plan for the reorganization of the

city's pension systems.
"Unless the present system is speed by placed on a sound foundation," the Chamberlain holds, "one of two things bound to happen. face a pension outlay so great that o mercial product of urgent expenses of city government as because it was the be curtailed or, what is more likely, the city will seek to escape from the t of pensions to the city employees and their dependents.

Would Be Disastrous.

"This would be a situation disastrous : popert the employees, undesired by the city and structive of the efficiency of the mupal service "In 1894 the city paid \$765.475

pensions; in 1994 the pension chi grew to \$2,226,305; in 1914 \$5,653 was required to pay the claims of on corn juice and tobacco. They still inclusive the city contributed the bull pay more than half of all the internal amounting to \$50,101,416. In 1914 the

annual salary expenditures. The bu-

The report shows that the carrying

The report condemns the reemployment To carry out this ideal of the plain of pensioners in other city department.

guarded. In this regard the rep that the city's responsibility for in the performance of duty bo c apart from the general pension problem and that there be equality in the apri-cation of retirement principles to the

entire service. Three Classes of Benefits.

The report advises including th classes of benefits in the general plan: 1. Superannuation pensions to 1. Superannuation pensions to

3. Return of

The report advocates an equivision of cost of pensions between and employees and states asmuch as it would be bring the retirement systlimits of feasible cost if lude pensions to dependents ployees whose death was not in the performance of duty pe widows and orphans would Pinally Mr. Bruere points assability of a centralized . tion with an adequate repre

Score Two for Boston

Japs and Germans.

Well, knowing this to be our ultimate destiny, had we not better begin to boot tick the Germans and Japs who are alticled the Germans and Japs who are alticled the Help of the convenience is in the new nation?

Germ Magues.

West and The Magues.

A panel sign at each one of the clevated and subway cars tells gers the names and order of the present the convenience is in the new nation?

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